

Proper Masses Of the Salesian Family

Lectionary



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SALESIAN CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 15 Blessed Aloysius Variara, priest Memorial
FMA/VDB Optional
- 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña, youth FMA Memorial
SDB/VDB Optional
- 24 ST FRANCIS DE SALES, bishop and doctor, titular saint of the
Salesian Society Feast
- 30 *Blessed Bronislaus Markiewicz, priest*
- 31 **ST JOHN BOSCO**, priest, founder of the Salesian Society, the
Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, and the Salesian
Cooperators Solemnity

FEBRUARY

- 1 Commemoration of Deceased Salesians SDB only
- 7 *Blessed Pius IX*
- 9 *Blessed Eusebia Palomino Yenez, religious* *SDB Optional*
FMA Memorial
- 25 SS. ALOYSIUS VERSIGLIA, BISHOP AND CALLISTUS CARAVARIO, PRIEST SDB Feast
FMA/VDB Memorial

MAY

- 6 ST DOMINIC SAVIO, youth Feast
- 13 **ST MARY DOMENICA MAZZARELLO**, virgin, co-foundress of the Institute
of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians SDB Feast
FMA Solemnity
- 15 *Our Lady of Fatima*
- 16 *St Luigi Orione, priest*
- 18 *St Leonard Murialdo, priest*

24 **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**, principal patroness of the Salesian Society, the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the Volunteers of Don Bosco **Solemnity**

25 Commemoration of the Deceased Daughters of Mary Help of Christians **FMA only**

29 *Blessed Joseph Kowalski, priest, martyr*

JUNE

12 *Blessed Francis Kesy and 4 companions, martyrs*

23 St Joseph Cafasso, priest **Memorial**

JULY

7 Blessed Maria Romero, virgin **FMA Memorial**
SDB/VDB Optional

AUGUST

2 *Blessed August Czarotorski, priest*

26 *Blessed Zepherino Namuncurá, lay person*

SEPTEMBER

22 *Blessed José Calasanz, Enrique Saiz-Aparicio priests, and their 93 Companions, martyrs*

OCTOBER

5 *Blessed Alberto Marvelli, lay person*

13 *Blessed Alexandrina Maria da Costa, virgin*

15 St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor, secondary patroness of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians **Memorial**

24 *Blessed Aloysius Guanella, priest*

25 DEDICATION OF ONE'S OWN CHURCH (when the date is unknown) **Solemnity**

29 Blessed Michael Rua, priest **Memorial**

NOVEMBER

14 (USA) Blessed Artemide Zatti, religious

15 *Blessed Magdalena Morano, religious*

DECEMBER

5 Blessed Philip Rinaldi, priest, founder of the Secular Institute of the Volunteers of Don Bosco
SDB and FMA Memorial
VDB Feast

January 15

Blessed Aloysius Variara, priest

SDB Memorial
FMA/VDB Optional

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings from the common of pastors (or pastors, missionaries) may be chosen.

January 22

Blessed Laura Vicuña, Adolescent

FMA Memorial
SDB/VDB Optional Memorial

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the following readings may be chosen.

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3: 13-16

Brothers and sisters, do not be amazed if the world hates you.

**We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers and sisters.**

Whoever does not love remains in death.

**Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life
remaining in him.**

**The way we came to know love was
that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34: 2-8

R. Blessed be the Lord, joy of his saints.

Or:

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD;
that the poor may hear and be glad. R.**

**Magnify the LORD with me,
let us extol his name together.
I sought the LORD, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears. R.**

**Look to God that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called,
The LORD heard and saved me from all distress. R.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps with them
delivers all who fear God.
Learn to savor how good the LORD is;
happy are those who take refuge in him. R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

Alleluia.

R. For to you has been granted, for the sake of Christ, not only to believe in him but also to suffer for him.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. **10: 28-33**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

**If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in
his love.**

**"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.**

**This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.**

**No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

**I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.**

**I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.**

**It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.**

This I command you: love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

January 24

ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR
TITULAR AND PATRON OF THE SALESIAN FAMILY

FEAST

Where this day is celebrated as a solemnity, the first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel (page 13) with its responsorial psalm. The second reading is from the letter of James, below. The alleluia verse and gospel are from the choices given below.

A reading from the letter of St. James.

3: 13-18

Who among you is wise and understanding?

**Let him show his works by a good life
in the humility that comes from wisdom.**

**But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not boast and be false to the truth.**

**Wisdom of this kind does not come down from above
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.**

**For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.**

**But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.**

**And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34: 2-8

R. Happy the one who takes refuge in the Lord.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. R.**

**Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. R.**

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him. R.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
happy the man who takes refuge in him. R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG).

R. Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and they know me.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

10: 11-16

I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man,

**who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.**

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

**and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.**

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead,

and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS.

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

**As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.**

**I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.**

**I will lead them out from among the peoples
and gather them from the foreign lands;
I will bring them back to their own country
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel
[in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places].**

**In good pastures will I pasture them,
and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground.**

**There they shall lie down on good grazing ground,
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured
on the mountains of Israel.**

**I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.**

The lost I will seek out, the strayed

**I will bring back, the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal [but the sleek
and the strong I will destroy], shepherding them rightly.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.**

**He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil;
for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. **R.****

**You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.****

**Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. **R.****

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

7: 7-10. 15-16

**I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.**

**I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.**

**Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.**

**Now God grant I speak suitably
and value these endowments at their worth:
for he is the guide of Wisdom and the director of the wise.**

**For both we and our words are in his hand,
as well as all prudence and knowledge of crafts.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 37: 3-6, 30-31

R. The wisdom of the Lord shines on the just.

Trust in the LORD and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will grant you your heart's requests. **R.**

Commit to the LORD your way;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make justice dawn for you like the light;
bright as the noonday shall be your vindication. **R.**

The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom
and his tongue utters what is right.
The law of his God is in his heart,
and his steps do not falter. **R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

8: 2-7

**Wisdom I loved and sought after from my youth;
I sought to take her for my bride and was enamored of her beauty.**

**She adds to nobility the splendor of companionship with God;
even the LORD of all loved her.**

**For she is instructress in the understanding of God,
the selector of his works.**

**And if riches be a desirable possession in life,
what is more rich than Wisdom, who produces all things?**

**And if prudence renders service,
who in the world is a better craftsman than she?**

**Or if one loves justice, the fruits of her works are virtues;
For she teaches moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude,
and nothing in life is more useful for men than these.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1, 4, 7-8, 11

R. Lord, you are my only good.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.”
They multiply their sorrows
who court other gods. **R.****

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R.****

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. **R.****

IV

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

39: 6-11

**His care is to seek the LORD, his Maker,
to petition the Most High,
to open his lips in prayer,
to ask pardon for his sins.**

**Then, if it pleases the LORD Almighty,
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;
He will pour forth his words of wisdom
and in prayer give thanks to the LORD,
Who will direct his knowledge and his counsel,
as he meditates upon his mysteries.**

**He will show the wisdom of what he has learned
and glory in the law of the LORD's covenant.**

**Many will praise his understanding;
his fame can never be effaced;
Unfading will be his memory,
through all generations his name will live;
Peoples will speak of his wisdom, and in assembly sing his praises.**

**While he lives he is one out of a thousand,
and when he dies his renown will not cease.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Psalm 37: 3-6, 30-31

R. The wisdom of the Lord shines on the just.

Trust in the LORD and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will grant you your heart's requests. **R.**

Commit to the LORD your way;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make justice dawn for you like the light;
bright as the noonday shall be your vindication. **R.**

The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom
and his tongue utters what is right.
The law of his God is in his heart,
and his steps do not falter. **R.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 2:1-10a

**When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

**I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,
and my message and my proclamation were not
with persuasive [words of] wisdom,
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.**

**Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
but not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.**

**Rather, we speak God's wisdom,
mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined
before the ages for our glory,
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;
for if they had known it,
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

But as it is written:

**“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,”
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.**

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8-11

R. Happy is the one who keeps the law of the Lord.

**The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. R.**

**The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye; R.**

**The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just; R.**

**They are more precious than gold;
Than a heap of purest gold;
Sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb. R.**

VI

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

9: 16-19. 22-23

**If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it!**

**If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.**

**What then is my recompense?
That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge
so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.**

**Although I am free in regard to all,
I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible.**

**To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.
I have become all things to all,
to save at least some.**

**All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96: 1-3, 7-8a, 10

R. I will speak of peace to my brothers and sisters.

**Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name; R.**

**Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R.**

**Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name. R.**

**Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He has made the world firm, not to be moved;
he governs the peoples with equity. R.**

VII

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. 3: 8-12. 14-19

Brothers and sisters:

**To me, the very least of all the holy ones,
this grace was given,
to preach to the Gentiles
the inscrutable riches of Christ,
and to bring to light [for all]
what is the plan of the mystery
hidden from ages past in God who created all things,
so that the manifold wisdom of God might
now be made known through the church
to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.**

**This was according to the eternal purpose
that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
in whom we have boldness of speech
and confidence of access through faith in him.**

**For this reason I kneel before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory
to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in the inner self,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Psalm 89: 2-5, 21,23, 25, 27

R. I will tell my brothers and sisters of the mercy of the Lord.

**The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness: R.**

**“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.” R.**

**I have found David, my servant;
With my holy oil I have anointed him
That my hand may be always with him,
And that my arm may make him strong. R.**

**My faithfulness and my kindness shall be with him,
And through my name shall his horn be exalted.
“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior.’” R.**

VIII

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. 4: 1-7. 11-13

**Brothers and sisters, I, then, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call
you have received, with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

**But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

**And he gave some as apostles,
others as prophets, others as evangelists,
others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge
of the Son of God, to mature manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Psalm 37: 3-6, 30-31

R. The heart of the just one is strong in the faith.

**Trust in the LORD and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will grant you your heart's requests. R.**

**Commit to the LORD your way;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make justice dawn for you like the light;
bright as the noonday shall be your vindication. R.**

**The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom
and his tongue utters what is right.
The law of his God is in his heart,
and his steps do not falter. R.**

IX

FIRST READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy. 1: 13-14; 2: 1-3

**Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

**Guard this rich trust
with the help of the holy Spirit that dwells within us.**

**So you, my child,
be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

**And what you heard from me through many witnesses
entrust to faithful people who will have the ability
to teach others as well.**

**Bear your share of hardship along with me
like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Psalm 119: 9-14

R. I will keep your words, Lord.

How shall a young man be faultless in his way?

By keeping to your words.

With all my heart I seek you;

let me not stray from your commands. R.

Within my heart I treasure your promise,

that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes. R.

With my lips I declare

all the ordinances of your mouth.

In the way of your decrees I rejoice,

as much as in all riches. R.

Alternate Gospel Selections.

I

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Shine like the lights of the world giving a reason to live.
Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. **5: 13-19**

**“You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste,
with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.**

**You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.**

**Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.**

**Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.**

**“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter
or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law,
until all things have taken place.**

**Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do so
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.
But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

The gospel of the Lord.

II

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.”

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply,

**“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the
learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.**

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

**No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for your selves.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

III

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

Only one is your teacher, Jesus the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 23: 8-12

As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’

You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.

**Call no one on earth your father;
you have but one Father in heaven.**

**Do not be called ‘Master’;
you have but one master, the Messiah.**

The greatest among you must be your servant.

**Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.**

The gospel of the Lord.

IV

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**The reign of God is near; bring the message of peace to all.
Alleluia.**

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. 10: 1-9

**After this the Lord appointed seventy [-two] others
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs
to every town and place he intended to visit.**

He said to them,

**“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.**

Go on your way; behold,

I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

**Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;
and greet no one along the way.**

**Into whatever house you enter, first say,
‘Peace to this household.’**

**If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.**

**Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,
for the laborer deserves his payment.**

Do not move about from one house to another.

**Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it
and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’**

The gospel of the Lord.

V

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**It is you who have stood by me in my trials; you will sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. 22: 24-30

**Then an argument broke out among them
about which of them should be regarded as the greatest.**

He said to them,

**“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them
and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’;
but among you it shall not be so.**

**Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest,
and the leader as the servant.**

For who is greater:

the one seated at table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one seated at table?

I am among you as the one who serves.

**It is you who have stood by me in my trials;
and I confer a kingdom on you,
just as my Father has conferred one on me,
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom;
and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

The word of the Lord.

VI

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says, “I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.”

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

15: 9-17

**As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.**

**“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.**

**This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.**

**No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**

**You are my friends
if you do what I command you.**

**I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.**

**It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.**

This I command you: love one another.

The gospel of the Lord

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January 30

Bl. Bronislaus Markiewicz, priest

The readings are taken from the weekday in Ordinary Time unless there are pastoral reasons for choosing readings from the common of pastors, those working with the underprivileged.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Is. 61, 1-3.

**The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me,
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes,
to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle
instead of a listless spirit
They will be called oaks of justice,
planted by the LORD to show his glory.**

The word of the Lord.

Or:

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

12: 3-13

**I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,
your spiritual worship.**

**Do not conform yourself to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.**

**For by the grace given to me
I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly
than one ought to think,
but to think soberly,
each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned.**

**For as in one body we have many parts,
and all the parts do not have the same function,
so we, though many, are one body in Christ
and individually parts of one another.**

**Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
let us exercise them:
if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;
if ministry, in ministering;
if one is a teacher, in teaching;
if one exhorts, in exhortation;
if one contributes, in generosity;
if one is over others, with diligence;
if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.**

**Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.**

**Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.**

**Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.
The word of the Lord.**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89: 2-5. 21-22. 25. 27

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

**The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,
proclaim your loyalty through all ages.
For you said, “My love is established forever;
my loyalty will stand as long as the heavens. R.**

**I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will make your dynasty stand forever
and establish your throne through all ages.” R.**

**I have chosen David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.
My hand will be with him;
my arm will make him strong. R.**

**My loyalty and love will be with him;
through my name his horn will be exalted.
He shall cry to me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock that brings me victory!’ R.**

GOSPEL

Mk. 10: 13-16

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

**And people were bringing children to him
that he might touch them,
but the disciples rebuked them.**

**When Jesus saw this
he became indignant and said to them,
“Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

**Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not
enter it.”**

**Then he embraced them and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

January 31

**ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, FATHER AND TEACHER OF YOUTH,
FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES,
AND THE SALESIAN COOPERATORS.**

SOLEMNITY

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. 34: 11-12, 15-16, 23-24, 30-31

For thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock

**when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.**

**I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.**

I myself will pasture my sheep;

I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out,

the strayed I will bring back,

the injured I will bind up,

the sick I will heal

[but the sleek and the strong I will destroy],

shepherding them rightly.

I will appoint one shepherd over them

to pasture them, my servant David;

he shall pasture them and be their shepherd.

I, the LORD, will be their God,

and my servant David shall be prince among them.

I, the LORD, have spoken.

Thus they shall know that I, the LORD, am their God,

and they are my people, the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

[You, my sheep, you are the sheep of my pasture,

and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.]

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Jeremiah 31, 7b, 9, 10, 20

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Or:

R. O Lord, your love is eternal.

Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. **R.**

I will lead them to brooks of water,
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.
For I am a father to Israel.
Ephraim is my first-born. **R.**

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
proclaim it on distant coasts,
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,
he guards them as a shepherd his flock. **R.**

Is Ephraim not my favored son,
the child in whom I delight?
Often as I threaten him,
My heart stirs for him,
I must show him mercy, says the LORD. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all,

but in everything, by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

**Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

if there is any excellence

and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned

and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL VERSE (to be omitted if not sung)

R. Alleluia.

**I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you,
you should also do.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 18: 1-6, 10

**At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said,
“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”**

**He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,
“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

**Whoever humbles himself like this child
is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

**And whoever receives one child
such as this in my name receives me.**

**“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,
it would be better for him
to have a great millstone hung around his neck
and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.**

**“See that you do not despise one of these little ones,
for I say to you that their angels in heaven
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.**

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

1: 9-14, 16, 18, 24-25, 2: 15-17

**Fear of the LORD is glory and splendor,
gladness and a festive crown.**

**Fear of the LORD warms the heart,
giving gladness and joy and length of days.**

**He who fears the LORD will have a happy end;
even on the day of his death he will be Blessed.**

**The beginning of wisdom is fear of the LORD,
which is formed with the faithful in the womb.**

**With devoted men was she created from of old,
and with their children her beneficence abides.**

**Fullness of wisdom is fear of the LORD;
she inebriates men with her fruits.**

**Wisdom's garland is fear of the LORD,
with blossoms of peace and perfect health.**

**The root of wisdom is fear of the LORD;
her branches are length of days.**

**For fear of the LORD is wisdom and culture;
loyal humility is his delight.**

**Be not faithless to the fear of the LORD,
nor approach it with duplicity of heart.**

**Those who fear the LORD disobey not his words;
those who love him keep his ways.**

**Those who fear the LORD seek to please him,
those who love him are filled with his law.**

**Those who fear the LORD prepare their hearts
and humble themselves before him.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8-10, 15

R. The law of the Lord is the font of peace.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye; **R.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just; **R.**

Let the words of my mouth
and the thought of my heart
find favor before you, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer. **R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

1: 1, 33; 2: 1-6, 10-12

All wisdom comes from the LORD
and with him it remains forever.

If you desire wisdom, keep the commandments,
and the LORD will bestow her upon you;

My son, when you come to serve the LORD,
prepare yourself for trials.

Be sincere of heart and steadfast,
undisturbed in time of adversity.

Cling to him, forsake him not;
thus will your future be great.

Accept whatever befalls you,
in crushing misfortune be patient;

For in fire gold is tested,
and worthy men in the crucible of humiliation.

Trust God and he will help you;
make straight your ways and hope in him.

Study the generations long past and understand;
has anyone hoped in the LORD and been disappointed?
Has anyone persevered in his fear and been disappointed?
Has anyone called upon him and been rebuffed?

Compassionate and merciful is the LORD;
he forgives sins, he saves in time of trouble.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33 1-2, 3-4, 21-22

R. Happy the one who trusts in the Lord.

Or:

R. My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

**Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. R.**

**For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. R.**

**For in him our hearts rejoice;
in his holy name we trust.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

1: 4-9

The word of the LORD came to me thus:

**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.**

**“Ah, Lord GOD!” I said,
“I know not how to speak; I am too young.”**

**But the LORD answered me,
Say not, “I am too young.”
To whomever I send you, you shall go;
whatever I command you, you shall speak.**

**Have no fear before them,
because I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.**

**Then the LORD extended his hand
and touched my mouth, saying,
See, I place my words in your mouth!**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96: 1-2, 3-4, 10-11

R. Let us sing to the Lord who saves us.

**Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. R.**

**Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.
For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
awesome is he, beyond all gods. R.**

**Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name! R.**

IV

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

3: 16-21

Thus the word of the LORD came to me:

**Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman
for the house of Israel.**

**When you hear a word from my mouth,
you shall warn them for me.**

If I say to the wicked man,

You shall surely die;

and you do not warn him

**or speak out to dissuade him from his wicked conduct
so that he may live:**

that wicked man shall die for his sin,

but I will hold you responsible for his death.

If, on the other hand, you have warned the wicked man,

yet he has not turned away from his evil

nor from his wicked conduct,

then he shall die for his sin,

but you shall save your life.

If a virtuous man turns away from virtue and does wrong

when I place a stumbling block before him,

he shall die.

He shall die for his sin,

and his virtuous deeds shall not be remembered;

but I will hold you responsible for his death if you did not warn him.

When, on the other hand, you have warned a virtuous man not to sin,

and he has in fact not sinned,

he shall surely live because of the warning,

and you shall save your own life.

The hand of the LORD came upon me,

and he said to me:

Get up and go out into the plain, where I will speak with you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117: 1-2

R. O Lord, I will proclaim your salvation.

**Praise the LORD, all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples! R.**

**For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever. R.**

ALTERNATE SECOND READINGS

I

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

12:3-13

For by the grace given to me
I tell everyone among you
not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think,
but to think soberly,
each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned.

For as in one body we have many parts,
and all the parts do not have the same function,
so we, though many, are one body in Christ
and individually parts of one another.

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
let us exercise them:
if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;
if ministry, in ministering;
if one is a teacher, in teaching;
if one exhorts, in exhortation;
if one contributes, in generosity;
if one is over others, with diligence;
if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil,
hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.

The word of the Lord.

II

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

12: 31; 13: 1-13

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains
but do not have love,
I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over
so that I may boast but do not have love,
I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous,
[love] is not pompous,
it is not inflated,
it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered,
it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

Love never fails.
If there are prophecies,

**they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.**

**For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes,
the partial will pass away.**

**When I was a child,
I used to talk as a child,
think as a child, reason as a child;
when I became a man,
I put aside childish things.**

**At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then face to face.
At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully,
as I am fully known.**

**So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.**

The word of the Lord.

III

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

4: 7-11

Therefore, be serious and sober for prayers.

**Above all, let your love for one another be intense,
because love covers a multitude of sins.**

Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

**As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

**Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God;
whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies,
so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,
to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

The word of the Lord.

IV

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

5: 1-4

**So I exhort the presbyters among you,
as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ
and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed.**

**Tend the flock of God in your midst,
[overseeing] not by constraint but willingly,
as God would have it,
not for shameful profit but eagerly.**

**Do not lord it over those assigned to you,
but be examples to the flock.**

**And when the chief Shepherd is revealed,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

The word of the Lord.

V

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

3: 14; 16-18; 20-24

**We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers and sisters.
Whoever does not love remains in death.**

**The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

**If someone who has worldly means sees a brother and sister in need
and refuses him compassion,
how can the love of God remain in him?**

**Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.**

**Beloved, if [our] hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.**

**And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.**

**Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.**

The word of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTIONS

I

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Be blameless and innocent, and shine like lights in the world, so as not to run in vain or labor in vain.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 5: 13-19

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything but

to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,

not the smallest letter

or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law,

until all things have taken place.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments

and teaches others to do so will be called least

in the kingdom of heaven.

But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments

will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

II

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: that you love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 22: 34-40

**When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together,
and one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking,
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”**

He said to him,

**“You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The gospel of the Lord.

III

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says: The one who exalts himself shall be humbled; and the one who humbles himself shall be exalted.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

9: 33-37

**They came to Capernaum
and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
“What were you arguing about on the way?”**

But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.

**Then he sat down,
called the Twelve,
and said to them,
“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”**

**Taking a child he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it he said to them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me.”**

The gospel of the Lord.

IV

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child,
will not enter it, says the Lord.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

10: 13-16

**And people were bringing children to him
that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.**

**When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,
“Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

**Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not
enter it.”**

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

The gospel of the Lord.

V

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. 22: 24-30

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest.

He said to them,

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so.

Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.

For who is greater:

the one seated at table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one seated at table?

I am among you as the one who serves.

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The gospel of the Lord.

February 1

Commemoration of all Deceased Salesian confreres

SDB only

When the date of this commemoration falls on a Sunday, it is completely omitted that year.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

25: 6-8a, 9

**On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.**

**On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.**

**The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;
for the LORD has spoken.**

On that day it will be said:

**“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”**

The word of the Lord.

ALTERNATE FIRST READING

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

11: 1-3; 8-10; 13-16

**Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.**

Because of it the ancients were well attested.

**By faith we understand
that the universe was ordered by the word of God,
so that what is visible came into being through the invisible.**

**By faith Abraham obeyed
when he was called to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.**

**By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.**

All these died in faith.

**They did not receive what had been promised
but saw it and greeted it from afar
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth,
for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.**

**If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,
they would have had opportunity to return.**

**But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.
Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22: 1-9

R. I will live secure in your house, O Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem **R.**

Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD. **R.**

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David. **R.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings. **R.**

Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good. **R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Blessed is that servant whom the Lord finds serving others on his arrival.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. **12: 35-48**

“Gird your loins and light your lampstand
be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
Blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

Then Peter said,
“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”

And the Lord replied,
“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute [the] food allowance at the proper time?

Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.

**Truly, I say to you,
he will put him in charge of all his property.**

**But if that servant says to himself,
'My master is delayed in coming,'
and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,
to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day
and at an unknown hour
and will punish him severely
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.**

**That servant who knew his master's will
but did not make preparations
nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely;
and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating
shall be beaten only lightly.**

**Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.**

The word of the Lord.

February 7

Blessed Pius IX, pope

The readings are taken from the weekday lectionary, or if it comes outside the Lenten season, the readings may be taken from the common of virgins, religious.

February 9

Bl. Eusebia Palomino Yenez, religious

SDB Optional
FMA Memorial

The readings are taken from the weekday lectionary, or if it comes outside the Lenten season, the readings may be taken from the common of virgins, religious.

February 25

SS. ALOYSIUS VERSIGLIA, BISHOP AND
CALLISTUS CARAVARIO, PRIEST, SALESIAN PROTOMARTYRS

FEAST
FMA/VDB MEMORIAL

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

3: 1-7a, 8b-9

**The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.**

**They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.**

**For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;**

**Chastised a little, they shall be greatly Blessed,
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.**

**As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.**

**In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;**

**The LORD shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

R. Lord, you are the God who saves us.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.” R.**

**O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me. R.**

**I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

8: 31b-39

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?**

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

**It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.**

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

**Will anguish, or distress,
or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?**

**As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day;
we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."**

**No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor any other creature
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 124: 1-8

R. Whoever gives his life, rises in the Lord.

**Had not the LORD been with us, let Israel say,
had not the LORD been with us —
When men rose up against us,
then would they have swallowed us alive. R.**

**When their fury was inflamed against us,
then would the waters have overwhelmed us;
The torrent would have swept over us;
over us then would have swept the raging waters. R.**

**Blessed be the LORD, who did not leave us a prey to their teeth.
We were rescued like a bird from the fowlers' snare;
Broken was the snare, and we were freed. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

4: 12-14, 16-19

**Beloved, do not be surprised
that a trial by fire is occurring among you,
as if something strange were happening to you.**

**But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ,
so that when his glory is revealed
you may also rejoice exultantly.**

**If you are insulted for the name of Christ, Blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**

**But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed
but glorify God because of the name.**

**For it is time for the judgment to begin with the household of God;
if it begins with us,
how will it end for those who fail to obey the gospel of God?**

**“And if the righteous one is barely saved,
where will the godless and the sinner appear?”**

**As a result, those who suffer in accord with God’s will
hand their souls over to a faithful creator as they do good.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126:1-6

R. Whoever sows in tears will reap rejoicing.

**When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. R.**

**Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. R.**

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. R.**

**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. R.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

10: 26-28, 32-34, 39

**“Therefore do not be afraid of them
because nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.**

**What I say to you in the darkness,
speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.**

**And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.**

**Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.**

**But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.**

**“Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth.
I have come to bring not peace but the sword.**

**Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTION

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

If a grain of wheat does not fall to the earth and does not die, it remains just a grain of wheat.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John 12: 24-26

**Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.**

**Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.**

**Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.**

The gospel of the Lord.

May 6

ST DOMINIC SAVIO ADOLESCENT

FEAST

Where this day is celebrated as a solemnity, the first reading is from the book of Revelation (cf. Page 80) with its responsorial psalm; the second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians; and the alleluia verse and the gospel selection is from the gospel as is written below.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 5:12-24

**We ask you, brothers and sisters,
to respect those who are laboring among you
and who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you,
and to show esteem for them with special love
on account of their work.
Be at peace among yourselves.**

**We urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the idle,
cheer the fainthearted,
support the weak,
be patient with all.**

**See that no one returns evil for evil;
rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all.**

**Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.**

**Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119: 9-12, 166-168

R. Happy the one who walks according to the will of the Lord.

How shall a young man be faultless in his way?

By keeping to your words.

With all my heart I seek you;

let me not stray from your commands. R.

Within my heart I treasure your promise,

that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes. R.

I rejoice at your promise, as one who has found rich spoil.

Falsehood I hate and abhor; your law I love.

Seven times a day I praise you for your just ordinances. R.

Those who love your law have great peace,

I keep your decrees and love them deeply.

I keep your precepts and your decrees,

for all my ways are before you. R.

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; the one who comes to me will not hunger, and the one who believes in me shall not thirst.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

6: 1-15

**After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee [of Tiberias].
A large crowd followed him,
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.**

**Jesus went up on the mountain,
and there he sat down with his disciples.
The Jewish feast of Passover was near.**

**When Jesus raised his eyes
and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,
he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”**

**He said this to test him,
because he himself knew what he was going to do.**

**Philip answered him,
“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough
for each of them to have a little [bit].”**

**One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”**

**Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.**

**Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.**

**When they had had their fill,
he said to his disciples,
“Gather the fragments left over,
so that nothing will be wasted.”**

**So they collected them,
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments
from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.**

**When the people saw the sign he had done,
they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one
who is to come into the world.”**

**Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off
to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.**

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG).

R. Alleluia.

Let your light shine before all that they may see the reason for living.
Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. **12: 35-40**

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table,
and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
Blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

The gospel of the Lord.

When this day is celebrated as a solemnity, the first reading and the responsorial psalm are the following:

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation.

7: 9-17

**After this I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.**

**They cried out in a loud voice:
“Salvation comes from our God,
who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”**

**All the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four living creatures.
They prostrated themselves before the throne,
worshiped God, and exclaimed:
“Amen. Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power,
and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

**Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,
“Who are these wearing white robes,
and where did they come from?”**

**I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.”
He said to me,
“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.**

**“For this reason they stand before God’s throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.**

**They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.**

**For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Happy are the pure of heart; they shall see God.

**The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. R.**

**Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain,
nor swears deceitfully to his neighbor. R.**

**He shall receive a Blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. R.**

**OTHER ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS
OUTSIDE OF THE EASTER SEASON**

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

3: 1-10

**During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli,
a revelation of the LORD was uncommon and vision infrequent.**

**One day Eli was asleep in his usual place.
His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.**

**The lamp of God was not yet extinguished,
and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD
where the ark of God was.**

**The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."
He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."
"I did not call you," Eli said.
"Go back to sleep."
So he went back to sleep.**

**Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.
"Here I am," he said. "You called me."
But he answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."**

**At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD,
because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet.**

**The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.
Getting up and going to Eli,
he said, "Here I am. You called me."
Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.**

**So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep,
and if you are called, reply,
'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' "**

**When Samuel went to sleep in his place,
the LORD came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"**

**Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1-2, 7-8, 11

R. I will bless the Lord who counsels me even in the night.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD,

“My Lord are you. Apart from you I have no good.” R.

I Bless the LORD who counsels me;

even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. R.

You will show me the path to life,

fullness of joys in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever. R.

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

16: 1b, 4a, 5c-13ab

The LORD said to Samuel:

“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

Samuel did as the LORD had commanded him.
When he entered Bethlehem,
the elders of the city came trembling to meet them.
Samuel had Jesse and his sons cleanse themselves
and invited them to the sacrifice.

As they came, he looked at Eliab and thought,
“Surely the LORD’S anointed is here before him.”

But the LORD said to Samuel:

“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the
heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab
and presented him before Samuel, who said,
“The Lord has not chosen him.”

Next Jesse presented Shammah,
but Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”

Then Samuel asked Jesse,
“Are these all the sons you have?”
Jesse replied,

**“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”
Samuel said to Jesse,
“Send for him;
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.”**

**Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.**

**The LORD said,
“There — anoint him, for this is he!”**

**Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed him in the midst of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89: 1-4, 20-21, 24-25

R. The Lord's faithfulness is eternal.

**The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness: R.**

**"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations." R.**

**I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
That my hand may be always with him,
and that my arm may make him strong. R.**

**My faithfulness and my kindness shall be with him,
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his hand upon the sea,
his right hand upon the rivers. R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Tobit. **4: 3a, 5-9, 13cd, 14c, 15a, 18-19a.c**

So he called his son Tobiah; and said to him:

“Through all your days, my son, keep the Lord in mind,
and suppress every desire to sin or to break his commandments.

Perform good works all the days of your life,
and do not tread the paths of wrongdoing.

For if you are steadfast in your service,
your good works will bring success,
not only to you, but also to all those who live uprightly.

“Give alms from your possessions.

Do not turn your face away from any of the poor,
and God’s face will not be turned away from you.

Son, give alms in proportion to what you own.

If you have great wealth,
give alms out of your abundance;
if you have but little, distribute even some of that.

But do not hesitate to give alms;
you will be storing up a goodly treasure for yourself
against the day of adversity.

In arrogance there is ruin and great disorder.

Likewise, in worthlessness there is decay and dire poverty,
for worthlessness is the mother of famine.

Keep a close watch on yourself, my son, in everything you do,
and discipline yourself in all your conduct.

“Seek counsel from every wise man,
and do not think lightly of any advice that can be useful.

At all times bless the Lord God,
and ask him to make all your paths straight
and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans.

For no pagan nation possesses good counsel,
but the Lord himself gives all good things.

So now, my son, keep in mind my commandments,
and never let them be erased from your heart.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119: 111, 124, 151,167-168, 171-172, 175

R. Lord, show me the path to your laws.

**Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
the joy of my heart they are.
Deal with your servant according to your kindness,
and teach me your statutes.
You, O LORD, are near,
and all your commands are permanent. R.**

**See how I love your precepts, O LORD;
in your kindness give me life.
I keep your decrees and love them deeply.
I keep your precepts and your decrees,
for all my ways are before you. R.**

**My lips pour forth your praise,
because you teach me your statutes.
May my tongue sing of your promise,
for all your commands are just.
Let my soul live to praise you,
and may your ordinances help me. R.**

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

4: 1-4, 7-9, 10b-12

**Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask
and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,
as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please God —
and as you are conducting yourselves —
you do so even more.**

For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

**This is the will of God, your holiness:
that you refrain from immorality,
that each of you know
how to acquire a wife for himself in holiness and honor,
For God did not call us to impurity but to holiness.**

**Therefore, whoever disregards this,
disregards not a human being but God,
who [also] gives his holy Spirit to you.**

**On the subject of mutual charity
you have no need for anyone to write you,
for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.**

**Indeed, you do this for all the brothers and sisters
throughout Macedonia.**

**Nevertheless we urge you, brothers and sisters,
to progress even more, and to aspire to live a tranquil life,
to mind your own affairs,
and to work with your [own] hands,
as we instructed you,
that you may conduct yourselves properly
toward outsiders and not depend on anyone.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98: 1-2, 7-9

R. Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous deeds.

**Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. R.**

**Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell in it;
Let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy R.**

**Before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to rule the earth;
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with equity. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

2: 6-8, 11-15

**Urge the younger men, similarly,
to control themselves,
showing yourself as a model of good deeds in every respect,
with integrity in your teaching, dignity,
and sound speech that cannot be criticized,
so that the opponent will be put to shame
without anything bad to say about us.**

**For the grace of God has appeared,
saving all and training us to reject godless ways
and worldly desires and
to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the Blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of the great God
and of our savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own,
eager to do what is good.**

**Say these things.
Exhort and correct with all authority.
Let no one look down on you.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 37: 3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29

R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

**Trust in the LORD and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will grant you your heart's requests. R.**

**The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted;
their inheritance lasts forever.
By the LORD are the steps of a man made firm,
and he approves his way. R.**

**Turn from evil and do good,
that you may abide forever;
The just shall possess the land
and dwell in it forever. R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

2: 12-17

**I am writing to you, children,
because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake.**

**I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.**

**I am writing to you, young men,
because you have conquered the evil one.**

**I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.**

**I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.**

**I write to you, young men,
because you are strong
and the word of God remains in you,
and you have conquered the evil one.**

**Do not love the world or the things of the world.
If anyone loves the world,
the love of the Father is not in him.**

**For all that is in the world, sensual lust,
enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life,
is not from the Father but is from the world.**

**Yet the world and its enticement are passing away.
But whoever does the will of God remains forever.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 13, 17-18

R. The Lord is rich in mercy.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits; R.**

**He pardons all your iniquities,
he heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
he crowns you with kindness and compassion, R.**

**Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him, R.**

**But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity
toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts. R.**

ALTERNATE GOSPEL READINGS

I

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

13: 31-33, 44-46

He proposed another parable to them.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush,
and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’ ”

He spoke to them another parable.

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

**When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.**

The gospel of the Lord.

II

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

10: 21-22

At that very moment he rejoiced [in] the holy Spirit and said,

**“I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.**

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows who the Son is except the Father,

and who the Father is except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

III

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

1: 35-39

**The next day John was there again with two of his disciples,
and as he watched Jesus walk by,
he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.”**

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

**Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
“What are you looking for?”
They said to him,
“Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher),
“where are you staying?”**

**He said to them,
“Come, and you will see.”
So they went and saw where he was staying,
and they stayed with him that day.
It was about four in the afternoon.**

The gospel of the Lord.

IV

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says, "I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

15: 7-14

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends
if you do what I command you.

The gospel of the Lord.

May 13

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INSTITUTE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS **SDB Feast**
FMA Solemnity

Where this day is celebrated as a solemnity, the first reading is from the book of Revelation (cf: page 102) with its responsorial psalm; the second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, and the alleluia verse and the gospel are as given below.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1: 26-31

**Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.
Not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.**

**Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,
those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing
those who are something,
so that no human being might boast before God.**

**It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,
so that, as it is written,
“Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.”**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 52: 8-9

R. I trust in the kindness of the Lord for ever.

**But I, like a green olive tree in the house of God,
Trust in the kindness of God forever and ever. R.**

**I will thank you always for what you have done,
and proclaim the goodness of your name
before your faithful ones. R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says, “ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. **10: 21-28**

At that very moment he rejoiced [in] the holy Spirit and said,

“I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things from the wise
and the learned

you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows who the Son is except the Father,
and who the Father is

except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

Turning to the disciples in private he said,

“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,
but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him
and said,

“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus said to him,

“What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

He said in reply,

“You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself.”

He replied to him,

“You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

The gospel of the Lord.

When this day is celebrated as a solemnity, the first reading with its responsorial psalm is as follows:

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation.

19: 1, 5-9a

After this I heard what sounded like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

“Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God,

A voice coming from the throne said:

**“Praise our God, all you his servants,
[and] you who revere him, small and great.”**

Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said:

“Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, [our] God, the almighty.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

**For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,
his bride has made herself ready.**

She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment.”

(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

Then the angel said to me,

**“Write this: Blessed are those
who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14

R. Lord, may my life be a song of praise in your honor.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise him in the heights;
Praise him, all you his angels,
praise him, all you his hosts. R.**

**Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,
the princes and all the judges of the earth,
Young men too, and maidens, old men and boys,
Praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven, R.**

**And he has lifted up the horn of his people.
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,
from the children of Israel, the people close to him. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS

OUTSIDE OF THE EASTER SEASON

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

8: 6-7

**Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;
For stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.**

**Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.
Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love,
he would be roundly mocked.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45: 10-11, 13-15

R. In you, Lord, I have placed all my joy.

**Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.
So shall the king desire your beauty. R.**

**All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters;
her raiment is threaded with spun gold.
In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;
behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. R.**

**They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

3: 17-24

My son, conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God.

For great is the power of God;
by the humble he is glorified.

What is too sublime for you,
seek not, into things beyond your strength search not.

What is committed to you, attend to;
for what is hidden is not your concern.

With what is too much for you meddle not,
when shown things beyond human understanding.

Their own opinion has misled many,
and false reasoning unbalanced their judgment.

Where the pupil of the eye is missing,
there is no light,
and where there is no knowledge, there is no wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 131: 1-3

R Happy the meek and humble of heart.

O LORD, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things,
nor with things too sublime for me. **R**

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
[so is my soul within me.] **R**

O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever. **R**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

51: 13-20

**When I was young and innocent,
I sought wisdom.**

**She came to me in her beauty,
and until the end I will cultivate her.**

**As the blossoms yielded to ripening grapes, the heart's joy,
My feet kept to the level path
because from earliest youth I was familiar with her.**

**In the short time I paid heed,
I met with great instruction.**

**Since in this way I have profited,
I will give my teacher grateful praise.**

**I became resolutely devoted to her —
the good I persistently strove for.**

**I burned with desire for her,
never turning back.
I became preoccupied with her,
never weary of extolling her.
My hand opened her gate
and I came to know her secrets.**

**For her I purified my hands;
in cleanness I attained to her.
At first acquaintance with her,
I gained understanding
such that I will never forsake her.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 52: 8-9

R. I trust in the kindness of God for ever.

**But I, like a green olive tree in the house of God,
Trust in the kindness of God forever and ever. R.**

**I will thank you always for what you have done,
and proclaim the goodness of your name
before your faithful ones. R.**

**DURING THE EASTER SEASON
I**

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians. 3: 12-17

**Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.**

**And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.**

**And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.**

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.**

**And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34: 1-6, 8

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**I will Bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. R.**

**Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. R.**

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
happy the man who takes refuge in him. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

4: 7-16

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.**

**Whoever is without love does not know God,
for God is love.**

**In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.**

**In this is love: not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.**

**Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.**

**No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another,
God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.**

**This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.**

**Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.**

**Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.**

**We have come to know
and to believe in the love God has for us.**

**God is love,
and whoever remains in love
remains in God and God in him.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 13

R. Great is the Lord: his love is everlasting.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. R.**

**He pardons all your iniquities,
he heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
he crowns you with kindness and compassion, R.**

**Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

5: 1-5

**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the father
loves [also] the one begotten by him.**

**In this way we know that we love the children of God
when we love God and obey his commandments.**

**For the love of God is this,
that we keep his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.**

**Who [indeed] is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1-2, 7-8, 11

R. You fill me with joy in your presence, Lord.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good." R.**

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand
I shall not be disturbed. R.**

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

IV

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation.

21: 5-7

The one who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.”

Then he said,

“Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me,

“They are accomplished.

I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,

and I shall be his God,

and he will be my son.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1-2, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, Lord.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.” R.**

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. R.**

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTIONS

I

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Happy the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

≈ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. **5: 1-12a.**

When he saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down,
his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:
“Blest are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blest are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blest are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blest are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blest are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blest are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blest are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blest are you when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
[falsely] because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

II

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Let your light shine in the world so that you can show a reason for living.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 5: 13-16

**“You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste,
with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.**

**You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.**

**Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.**

**Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.**

The gospel of the Lord.

III

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says, “If anyone wishes to save his life, he will lose it; but if he loses it for my sake, he will find it.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. **16: 24-27**

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

What profit would there be
for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory,
and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.

The gospel of the Lord.

IV

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

This is the one whom the Lord found ready; when the groom came she went in with him into the wedding feast.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. 25: 1-13.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones,

when taking their lamps,

brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom!

Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up

and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

**and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.
Then the door was locked.**

**Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'**

**But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'**

**Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

The gospel of the Lord.

V

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

How happy those who hear the word of God and practice it with love.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. **10: 38-42**

As they continued their journey
he entered a village where a woman
whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary
[who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving,
came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself
to do the serving? Tell her to help me.”

The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”

The gospel of the Lord.

VI

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

Remain in my love; if you remain in my love and I in you, he will give you fruit in abundance.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

15: 1-10

“I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned
because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want
and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments,

**you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.**

The gospel of the Lord.

May 15 Our Lady of Fatima
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May 15

Our Lady of Fatima

The readings are taken from the current weekday, unless pastoral reasons demand otherwise.

May 16

St Aloysius Orione, priest

The readings are taken from the weekday lectionary.

May 18

*St Leonard Murialdo
Priest*

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the following readings may be chosen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 2: 2b-12

**We drew courage through our God
to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle.**

**Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives,
nor did it work through deception.**

**But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel,
that is how we speak,
not as trying to please human beings,
but rather God, who judges our hearts.**

**Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know,
or with a pretext for greed — God is witness —
nor did we seek praise from human beings,
either from you or from others,
although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ.
Rather, we were gentle among you,
as a nursing mother cares for her children.**

May 15 Our Lady of Fatima

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May 16 St Aloysius Orione

May 18 St Leonard Murialdo

**With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you
not only the gospel of God,
but our very selves as well,
so dearly beloved had you become to us.**

**You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery.
Working night and day in order not to burden any of you,
we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.**

**You are witnesses, and so is God,
how devoutly and justly and blamelessly
we behaved toward you believers.**

**As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children,
exhorting and encouraging you and insisting
that you conduct yourselves
as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34: 1-2, 5-8

R. I will bless the Lord all my life long.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad. R.**

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out,
the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. R.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps around
those who fear him, and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
happy the man who takes refuge in him. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

3: 5-13, 16

**May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.**

**We instruct you, brothers and sisters,
in the name of [our] Lord Jesus Christ,
to shun any brother or sister
who conducts himself in a disorderly way
and not according to the tradition they received from us.**

**For you know how one must imitate us.
For we did not act in a disorderly way among you,
nor did we eat food received free from anyone.
On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked,
so as not to burden any of you.**

**Not that we do not have the right.
Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us.**

**In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you
that if anyone was unwilling to work,
neither should that one eat.**

**We hear that some are conducting themselves among you
in a disorderly way,
by not keeping busy but minding the business of others.**

**Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ
to work quietly and to eat their own food.**

But you, brothers, do not be remiss in doing good.

**May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times
and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127: 1-2

R. Whoever trusts in the Lord does not rest in vain.

**Unless the LORD build the house,
they labor in vain who build it.
Unless the LORD guard the city,
in vain does the guard keep vigil. R.**

**It is vain for you to rise early, or put off your rest,
You that eat hard-earned bread,
for he gives to his beloved in sleep. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John

4: 7-13, 19-21

**Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.**

**Whoever is without love does not know God,
for God is love.**

**In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.**

**In this is love: not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.**

**Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.**

**No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.**

**This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.**

We love because he first loved us.

**If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother,
he is a liar;
for whoever does not love a brother
whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.**

**This is the commandment we have from him:
whoever loves God must also love his brother.
The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112: 1-5, 7-8

R. The Lord loves the one who gives in happiness.

**Happy the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commands.
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;
the upright generation shall be Blessed. R.**

**Wealth and riches shall be in his house;
his generosity shall endure forever.
He dawns through the darkness, a light for the upright;
he is gracious and merciful and just. R.**

**An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is steadfast;
he shall not fear till he looks down upon his foes. R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

What you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
Alleluia.

≡ A Reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew **10:26-33**

“Therefore do not be afraid of them.
Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one
who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground
without your Father’s knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Whoever does not receive the reign of God as a child will not enter it.
Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark. **10: 13-21**

And people were bringing children to him
that he might touch them,
but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this
he became indignant and said to them,
“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child
will not enter it.”

Then he embraced them and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.

As he was setting out on a journey,
a man ran up, knelt down before him,
and asked him,
“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered him,
“Why do you call me good?
No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments:
‘You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;

**you shall not defraud;
honor your father and your mother.’ ”**

**He replied and said to him,
“Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.”**

**Jesus, looking at him, loved him
and said to him,
“You are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have,
and give to [the] poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.”**

The gospel of the Lord.

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SOLEMNITY

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Revelation

12: 1, 3a, 7:12, 17

**A great sign appeared in the sky,
a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

**Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon,
with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.**

**Then war broke out in heaven;
Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.
The dragon and its angels fought back,
but they did not prevail
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.**

**The huge dragon, the ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan,
who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth,
and its angels were thrown down with it.**

**Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
“Now have salvation and power come,
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters is cast out,
who accuses them before our God day and night.
they conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
love for life did not deter them from death.**

**Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,
and you who dwell in them.**

**But woe to you, earth and sea,
for the Devil has come down to you in great fury,
for he knows he has but a short time.”**

**Then the dragon became angry with the woman
and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring,
those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rev. 15: 3b-4

R. Great and marvelous are your works, Lord.

**“Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O king of the nations. R.**

**Who will not fear you, Lord, or glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.” R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

4: 4-7

**But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law,
ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption.**

**As proof that you are children,
God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out,
“Abba, Father!”**

**So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

Blessed Mother and Immaculate Virgin, pray for us now and always
before the Lord our God.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John **2: 1-11**

On the third day
there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.”

[And] Jesus said to her,
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servers,
“Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there
for Jewish ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them,
“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”
So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from
(although the servers who had drawn the water knew),
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
“Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now.”

**Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.**

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL READINGS

OUTSIDE OF THE EASTER SEASON

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

3: 1-6, 13-15

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals
that the LORD God had made.

The serpent asked the woman,
“Did God really tell you
not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?”

The woman answered the serpent:

“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;
it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden
that God said,
“ ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’ ”

But the serpent said to the woman:

“You certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it
your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods
who know what is good and what is bad.”

The woman saw that the tree was good for food,
pleasing to the eyes,
and desirable for gaining wisdom.

So she took some of its fruit and ate it;
and she also gave some to her husband,
who was with her, and he ate it.

The LORD God then asked the woman,
“Why did you do such a thing?”

The woman answered,

“The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
you shall be banned from all the animals
and from all the wild creatures;
On your belly shall you crawl,

and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity

between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98: 1-2, 4-6

R. The Lord has done marvelous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise. R.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. R.

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

1:24-28, 2: 1-2, 4-8

Once he was weaned,
she brought him up with her,
along with a three-year-old bull,
an ephah of flour,
and a skin of wine,
and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh.

After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull,
Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said:
"Pardon, my lord! As you live my lord,
I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD.

I prayed for this child,
and the LORD granted my request.

Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;
as long as he lives,
he shall be dedicated to the LORD."

She left him there;
the bows of the mighty are broken,
while the tottering gird on strength.

The well-fed hire themselves out for bread,
while the hungry batten on spoil.

The barren wife bears seven sons,
while the mother of many languishes.

"The LORD puts to death and gives life;
he casts down to the nether world; he raises up again.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich,
he humbles, he also exalts.

He raises the needy from the dust;
from the ash heap he lifts up the poor,
To seat them with nobles
and make a glorious throne their heritage.

He gives to the vower his vow,
and blesses the sleep of the just.

"For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and he has set the world upon them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1: 46b-55

R. The Lord has gazed on the lowliness of his servant.

**“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; R.**

**Behold, from now on will all ages call me Blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. R.**

**He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly. R.**

**The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel

7: 1-5, 8-11, 16

**When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”**

**Nathan answered the king,
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you.”**

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

**“Go, tell my servant David,
‘Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’**

“Now then, speak thus to my servant David,

**‘The LORD of hosts has this to say:
It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.**

**I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.**

I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them

so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,

since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies.

**The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for
you.**

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;

your throne shall stand firm forever.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 87: 1-3, 5-7

R. The Lord has made you the fountain of life.

**His foundation upon the holy mountains
the LORD loves:**

The gates of Zion, more than any dwelling of Jacob. R.

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God!

And of Zion they shall say:

“One and all were born in her;

And he who has established her is the Most High LORD.” R.

They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled:

“This man was born there.”

And all shall sing, in their festive dance:

“My home is within you.” R.

IV

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

7: 10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz:

**Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!**

**But Ahaz answered,
“I will not ask!
I will not tempt the LORD!”**

**Then he said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary men,
must you also weary my God?**

**Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall be with child,
and bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1, 46b-55

R. The Lord has done great things for the Virgin Mary.

**“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me Blessed. R.**

**The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him. R.**

**He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly. R.**

**The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” R.**

V

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

61: 10-11

**I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.**

**As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
So will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up
before all the nations.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85: 8-13

R. The glory of the Lord will live in our land.

**I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD-for he proclaims peace.
To his people, and to his faithful ones,
and to those who put in him their hope. R.**

**Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.
Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven. R.**

**The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and salvation,
along the way of his steps. R.**

VI

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

3:14, 15b-18a

**Shout for joy,
O daughter Zion!
sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!**

**The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.**

**On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!**

**The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
He will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.**

**I will remove disaster from among you,
so that none may recount your disgrace.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Song of Songs 2: 8, 10-12, 14

R. Your presence fills us with joy, Lord!

Hark! my lover —

**here he comes springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills. R.**

My lover speaks; he says to me,

**“Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!
“For see, the winter is past,
the rains are over and gone. R.**

The flowers appear on the earth,

**the time of pruning the vines has come,
and the song of the dove is heard in our land. R.**

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,

**in the secret recesses of the cliff,
Let me see you, let me hear your voice,
For your voice is sweet, and you are lovely.” R.**

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

I

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1: 12-14

**Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,
which is near Jerusalem,
a sabbath day's journey away.**

**When they entered the city
they went to the upper room
where they were staying,
Peter and John and James and Andrew,
Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew,
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,
and Judas son of James.**

**All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,
together with some women,
and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and his brothers.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45:10-11, 13-16

R. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; the Lord is with you.

**Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.
So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord, and you must worship him. R.**

**All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters;
her raiment is threaded with spun gold.
In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;
behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. R.**

**They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.
The place of your fathers your sons shall have;
you shall make them princes through all the land. R.**

ALTERNATE SECOND READING

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has Blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.**

**In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the favor of his will,
for the praise of the glory of his grace
that he granted us in the beloved.**

**In him we were also chosen,
destined in accord with the purpose of the one
who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will,
so that we might exist for the praise of his glory,
we who first hoped in Christ.**

The word of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTIONS

I

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

The one who does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew **12:46-50**

While he was still speaking to the crowds,
his mother and his brothers appeared outside,
wishing to speak with him.

[Someone told him,
“Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,
asking to speak with you.”]

But he said in reply to the one who told him,
“Who is my mother?
Who are my brothers?”

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said,
“Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

II

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, because you have believed. The Lord has accomplished his word in you.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,
"The holy Spirit will come upon you,

**and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.**

**And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God.”**

**Mary said,
“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”
Then the angel departed from her.**

The gospel of the Lord.

III

ALLELUIA VERSE

R. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, because you have believed. The Lord has accomplished his word in you.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

1: 39-47

**During those days Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.**

**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Most Blessed are you among women,
and Blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

**And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**

**For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.**

**Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."**

And Mary said:

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.**

The gospel of the Lord.

IV

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, because you have believed. The Lord has accomplished his word in you.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. 11: 27-28

**While he was speaking,
a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,
“Blessed is the womb that carried you
and the breasts at which you nursed.”**

**He replied,
“Rather, Blessed are those who hear the word of God
and observe it.”**

The gospel of the Lord.

V

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**Happy mother and immaculate virgin, pray for us now and always
before the Lord our God.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John. 19: 25-27

**Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.**

**When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved,
he said to his mother,
"Woman, behold, your son."**

**Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."
And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.**

The gospel of the Lord.

May 29 Bl Joseph Kowalski
June 12 Bl Joseph Kesy and companions

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May 29

Blessed Joseph Kowalski, priest and martyr

SDB memorial
FMA and VDB Optional

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June 12

Bl Francis Kesy and Companions, martyrs

SDB memorial
FMA and VDB Optional

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June 23

St. Joseph Cafasso

Priest

Memorial

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

7: 29-36

**With all your soul, fear God,
revere his priests.**

**With all your strength,
love your Creator,
forsake not his ministers.**

**Honor God and respect the priest;
give him his portion as you have been commanded:
First fruits and contributions, due sacrifices and holy offerings.**

**To the poor man also extend your hand,
that your blessing may be complete;**

**Be generous to all the living,
and withhold not your kindness from the dead.**

**Avoid not those who weep,
but mourn with those who mourn;**

**Neglect not to visit the sick —
for these things you will be loved.**

**In whatever you do,
remember your last days,
and you will never sin.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112: 1, 5-7, 9

R. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

**Happy the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commands.
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice; R.**

**He shall never be moved;
the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance.
An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. R.**

**Lavishly he gives to the poor;
his generosity shall endure forever;
his horn shall be exalted in glory. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READING

FIRST READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 5: 14-21

For the love of Christ impels us,

**once we have come to the conviction that one died for all;
therefore, all have died.**

He indeed died for all,

**so that those who live might no longer live for themselves
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.**

Consequently, from now on

**we regard no one according to the flesh;
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,
yet now we know him so no longer.**

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

**the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.**

And all this is from God,

**who has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation,
namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
not counting their trespasses against them
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,

so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 2-5, 8, 10

R. We give you thanks for your goodness, Lord.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;
He pardons all your iniquities,
he heals all your ills. R.**

**He redeems your life from destruction,
he crowns you with kindness and compassion,
He fills your lifetime with good;
your youth is renewed like the eagle's. R.**

**Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R.**

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him, R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia

The sign for all to know you are my disciples is that you love one another.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25: 31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you
ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.’

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTIONS

I

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark. **12: 28-34a**

One of the scribes, when he came forward
and heard them disputing
and saw how well he had answered them, asked him,
“Which is the first of all the commandments?”

Jesus replied,
“The first is this:
‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this:
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The scribe said to him,
“Well said, teacher.
You are right in saying,
‘He is One and there is no other than he.’

And ‘to love him
with all your heart,
with all your understanding,
with all your strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth
more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

And when Jesus saw that [he] answered with understanding,
he said to him,
“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

**And no one dared to ask him any more questions.
The gospel of the Lord.**

II**ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)****R. Alleluia**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

6: 27-38

“But to you who hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
Bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek,
offer the other one as well,
and from the person who takes your cloak,
do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you,
and from the one who takes what is yours
do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.
For if you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners love those who love them.
And if you do good to those who do good to you,
what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,
what credit [is] that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners,
and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,
and lend expecting nothing back;
then your reward will be great
and you will be children of the Most High,
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.
The gospel of the Lord.

July 7 Bl Maria Romero

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August 2 Bl August Czartoryski

August 26 Bl Zepherino Namuncurá

September 22 Bl Jose Calasanz-Marqueés & Enrique Saiz-Aparacio, priests and companions

July 7

Bl Maria Romero, virgin

SDB Optional
FMA Memorial

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings may be taken from the common of virgins.

August 2

Bl August Czartoryski, priest

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings may be taken from the common of virgins.

August 26

Bl Zepherino Namuncurá, lay person

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings may be taken from the common of virgins.

September 22

Bl. José Calasanz-Marqués and Enrique Saiz-Aparicio, priests and companions

SDB and FMA Memorial
VDB Optional

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings may be chosen from the common of martyrs.

October 5*Blessed Albert Marvelli, Layman*

SDB only

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the readings may be taken from the following.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

12:31—13:13

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, love is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;

if tongues, they will cease;

if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,

think as a child, reason as a child;

when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,

but then face to face.
At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 11)

You, O Lord, are my only good.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the Lord, "My God are you.
Apart from you I have no good."
O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot. **R.****

**I bless the Lord who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R.****

**You, O Lord, are my only good.
You will show me the path to life,
fulness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.
You, O Lord, are my only good. **R.****

GOSPEL VERSE

Matt 5: 8

R. Alleluia

**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Alleluia.**

≡ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.**

He began to teach them, saying:

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.**

Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

October 13

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, cooperator, virgin

The readings are taken from the weekday Lectionary.

October 24

Blessed Aloysius Guanella, priest

The readings are taken from the weekday Lectionary.

October 25

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE PLACE SOLEMNITY

The anniversary of the dedication of the church of the place is celebrated on this day when the actual date of dedication is unknown. When the date is known, the celebration is on that day. In either case, the readings are taken from the Common for the Dedication of a Church. Cf. The Roman Lectionary of the Celebrations of the Saints.

October 29

Blessed Michael Rua, Priest

Memorial

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the following readings may be chosen.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

2: 1, 6-15

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha,

“Please stay here; the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.”

“As the LORD lives,

and as you yourself live,” Elisha replied,

“I will not leave you.” And so the two went on together.

Fifty of the guild prophets followed,

and when the two stopped at the Jordan, stood facing them at a distance.

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up

and struck the water, which divided, and both crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed over,

Elijah said to Elisha,

“Ask for whatever I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”

Elisha answered,

“May I receive a double portion of your spirit.”

“You have asked something that is not easy,” he replied.

“Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not.”

As they walked on conversing,

a flaming chariot and flaming horses came between them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

**When Elisha saw it happen he cried out,
“My father! my father! Israel’s chariots and drivers!”
But when he could no longer see him,
Elisha gripped his own garment and tore it in two.**

**Then he picked up Elijah’s mantle which had fallen from him,
and went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan.**

**Wielding the mantle which had fallen from Elijah,
he struck the water in his turn
and said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?”
When Elisha struck the water it divided and he crossed over.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1-2, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD,
“My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.” R.**

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. R.**

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READINGS

I

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

12, 31; 13: 1-13, 8a

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

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If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

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And if I have the gift of prophecy

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The word of the Lord.

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I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. R.**

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

II

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. 4: 1-7, 11-13

**I, then, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.**

**But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

**And he gave some as apostles,
others as prophets,
others as evangelists,
others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to
the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ,**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-6

R. The Lord leads me through just paths.

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me; R.**

he refreshes my soul.

**He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R.**

**You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R.**

**Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. R.**

III

FIRST READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1: 13-14; 2:1-3; 4: 1-2, 5

**I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and an arrogant man,
but I have been mercifully treated
because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief.**

**Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant,
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

**First of all, then, I ask
that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings
be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.**

This is good and pleasing to God our savior,

**Now the Spirit explicitly says
that in the last times some will turn away from the faith
by paying attention to deceitful spirits and demonic instructions
through the hypocrisy of liars with branded consciences,
for it is made holy by the invocation of God in prayer.**

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)**R. Alleluia.**

Store up treasures in heaven; for where your treasure is, there is your heart.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew **6: 25-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
 what you will eat [or drink],
 or about your body, what you will wear.
 Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds in the sky;
 they do not sow or reap,
 they gather nothing into barns,
 yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are not you more important than they?

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?

Why are you anxious about clothes?

Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.

They do not work or spin.

But I tell you that

not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field,
 which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,
 will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say,
 ‘What are we to eat?’
 or ‘What are we to drink?’
 or ‘What are we to wear?’

All these things the pagans seek.

Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness,
 and all these things will be given you besides.

Do not worry about tomorrow;
 tomorrow will take care of itself.
 Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTIONS

I

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

The Lord says, “I have chosen you and have appointed you and bear fruit that will remain.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark. 10: 17-23, 28-30

As he was setting out on a journey,
a man ran up,
knelt down before him, and asked him,
“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered him,
“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments:
‘You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
you shall not defraud;
honor your father and your mother.’ ”

He replied and said to him,
“Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.”

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,
“You are lacking in one thing.
Go, sell what you have,
and give to [the] poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.”

At that statement his face fell,
and he went away sad,

for he had many possessions.

**Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
“How hard it is for those who have wealth
to enter the kingdom of God!”**

**Peter began to say to him,
“We have given up everything and followed you.”**

**Jesus said,
“Amen, I say to you,
there is no one who has given up house
or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a
hundred times more now in this present age:
and houses
and brothers and sisters
and mothers and children and lands,
with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.**

The gospel of the Lord.

II

ALLELUIA VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**The reign of God is near; bring the message of peace to all people.
Alleluia.**

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. 10:1-9

**After this the Lord appointed seventy [-two] others
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs
to every town and place he intended to visit.**

**He said to them,
“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest.**

**Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.**

**Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals;
and greet no one along the way.**

**Into whatever house you enter,
first say, ‘Peace to this household.’**

**If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him;
but if not, it will return to you.**

**Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,
for the laborer deserves his payment.
Do not move about from one house to another.**

**Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,
cure the sick in it and say to them,
‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’
The gospel of the Lord.**

November 14 (USA)

Blessed Artemide Zatti, religious

SDB/FMA/VDB Memorial

The readings are taken from the weekday lectionary.

November 15

Blessed Maddalena Morano, virgin

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the following readings may be chosen.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

3: 8-14

I consider everything as a loss

because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things

and I consider them so much rubbish,

that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having any righteousness of my own based on the law

but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him

and the power of his resurrection

and [the] sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death,

if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it

or have already attained perfect maturity,

but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it,

since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus].

Brothers and sisters,

I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession.

Just one thing:

forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,

I continue my pursuit toward the goal,

the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1, 4, 7-8, 11

R. You are my only good, Lord.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.” R.**

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. R.**

**You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READING

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3:14, 16-18, 20b-24

**We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.
Whoever does not love remains in death.**

**The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

**If someone who has worldly means sees a brother or sister in need
and refuses him compassion,
how can the love of God remain in him?**

**Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.**

**Beloved, if [our] hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.**

**And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.**

**Those who keep his commandments remain in him,
and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17: 1-5

R. O Lord, your love is my strength.

**Hear, O LORD, a just suit;
attend to my outcry;
hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.
From you let my judgment come;
your eyes behold what is right. R.**

**Though you test my heart,
searching it in the night,
though you try me with fire,
you shall find no malice in me. R.**

**My mouth has not transgressed after the manner of man;
according to the words of your lips I have kept the ways of the law.
My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered. R.**

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**Happy those who hear the word of God and keep it.
Alleluia.**

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

10: 38-42

**As they continued their journey
he entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.**

**She had a sister named Mary
[who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.**

**Martha, burdened with much serving,
came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself
to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”
The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.**

**There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”**

The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTION

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me will give abundant fruit.

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15: 1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

**He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.**

**You are already pruned
because of the word that I spoke to you.**

**Remain in me, as I remain in you.
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.**

**I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.**

**Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.**

**If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.**

**By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.
The gospel of the Lord.**

December 5

Blessed Philip Rinaldi, priest, Founder of the Secular Institute of the Don Bosco Volunteers
SDB/FMA Memorial
VDB Feast

The readings are taken from the weekday readings. If it is pastorally opportune, the following readings may be chosen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1: 3-11

**I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,
praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the gospel
from the first day until now.**

**I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you will continue
to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**It is right that I should think this way about all of you,
because I hold you in my heart,
you who are all partners with me in grace,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.**

**For God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.**

**And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever
more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.**

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1-4, 6-9, 11-14

R. The Lord has compassion for his faithful ones.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits; **R.**

He pardons all your iniquities,
he heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
he crowns you with kindness and compassion, **R.**

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel. **R.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us. **R.**

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed;
he remembers that we are dust. **R.**

ALTERNATE FIRST READING

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 2: 1-16

**When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.**

**For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

**I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,
and my message and my proclamation were not
with persuasive [words of] wisdom,
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.**

**Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
but not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.**

**Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious,
hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;
for if they had known it,
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

But as it is written:

**“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,”
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.**

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147:1-7, 11

R. Your wisdom has no measure, Lord.

**Praise the LORD, for he is good;
sing praise to our God, for he is gracious;
it is fitting to praise him. R.**

**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel he gathers.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds. R.**

**He tells the number of the stars;
he calls each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power:
to his wisdom there is no limit. R.**

**The LORD sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
sing praise with the harp to our God. R.**

**The LORD is pleased with those who fear him,
with those who hope for his kindness. R.**

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The gospel of the Lord.

ALTERNATE GOSPEL SELECTION

GOSPEL VERSE (OMITTED IF NOT SUNG)

R. Alleluia.

**God called you through the good news so that your glory may be that
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia.

≡ A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15: 9-17

**As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.**

**"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.**

**This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.**

**No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

**You are my friends
if you do what I command you.**

**I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.**

**It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.**

This I command you: love one another.

The gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

January 22

Blessed Laura Vicuña (1)

To God, the source and origin of every perfect gift, we make our prayers in faith, that the message of the Gospel may be heard throughout all nations.

R. Lord, save your people.

1. For the Church throughout the world: that the proclamation of the message of salvation may be welcomed with generosity and freedom of spirit through an harmonious blending of culture and Christian living, we pray to the Lord.

2. For bishops, priests and Christian educators: that in their work of formation to the faith they may present to young people the ideal of a life rich in Christian hope and joy, and of uprightness and service to others, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and for the Salesian Family that, in fidelity to their particular charism, they may be able to raise up in the Church new models of holiness, after the example and through the intercession of Saint Dominic Savio and Blessed Laura Vicuña, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young people: that being strengthened by the word of God, and sustained by the living presence of Christ the Lord, they may, through their courageous commitment, attain their aspirations for freedom, justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all here present: that our sharing in this Eucharist may strengthen our docility to the will of the Father who calls us to be holy as he is holy, and to lead generous, fruitful and apostolic lives, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Great and merciful God, you have raised up religious families in the Church for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ your only Son; pour out upon your children the gift of your Spirit, that they may be able to realize in their own lives your plan of love. We ask through Christ our Lord.

January 22*Blessed Laura Vicuña (2)*

My dear friends, let us raise our fervent prayer to God our Father, who through Christ in the Holy Spirit continues to achieve great things in the lowly and humble of heart.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church: that with motherly care she may continue to offer her children joyful and dedicated paths to holiness similar to the one chosen by Laura Vicuña Lord hear us.

2. For men and women of our time: that they may be able to face up to the difficult options of an authentic Christian life with the same strength and generosity shown by the youthful Laura, Lord hear us.

3. For families where love is lacking: that the members may willingly accept each other and mutually seek a more conscious and committed education for their children, thus setting the foundation for a world renewed, Lord hear us.

4. For young people who are called, like Laura, to great ideals: that they may not imprison themselves in a life without meaning, but have the courage to accept their daily responsibilities for the establishment of the human community in justice and peace, Lord hear us.

5. For all of us who are taking part in this liturgy: that, animated by the same charity that prompted Laura to give her life for those she loved, we may dedicate ourselves daily to the service of God and our neighbor, Lord hear us.

6. Other intentions.

God our Father, you manifest the greatness of your love in the lowly and humble of heart; pour out on us the gifts of your Spirit, that we may bear witness with joy to your enlightening and life-giving word. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

January 24

ST FRANCIS DE SALES (1)

Let us make our humble and confident prayer to God our Father, that through the intercession of Saint Francis de Sales the Word to which we have listened may bear abundant fruit.

R. Lord, sanctify your people.

1. For the bishops and pastors of the Church: that being animated by the Holy Spirit they may work with zeal, patience and pastoral charity to build up a Christian community that will be open also to those who are unbelievers and those who are indifferent or without hope, we pray to the Lord.

2. For a constructive dialog between Christians of different denominations, that they may be enlightened by knowledge of each other's beliefs, and be ever more infused with esteem and trust in the sincere search for unity in Christ our Savior, we pray to the Lord.

3. For journalists, writers and publishers: that in the practice of their profession they may be able to view daily events in the light of the Gospel, and place their culture at the service of overall human advancement, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the Salesian Family: that it may look to Saint Francis de Sales as its particular model, so as to apply his teachings in its members' everyday lives, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all here present: that in imitation of Saint Francis de Sales we may make good use of the talents we have received and work willingly for God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

God our Father, you have revealed your kindness in the lives of the saints, your friends and servants; accept the prayers of this community, and open our hearts to receive your gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

January 24

ST FRANCIS DE SALES (2)

God has raised up perceptive and prudent persons, masters of wisdom, to guide his Church. Accepting with joy the teachings of Bishop Francis de Sales, we make our prayer to God our Father.

R. Guide us, Father on the way to salvation.

1. That the Lord may give to his Church pastors according to his own heart, docile to the Spirit and faithful dispensers of his Word and sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

2. That the members of the different Christian denominations may courageously seek the ways of reconciliation, so as to build up in unity the entire human family, we pray to the Lord.

3. That believers in Christ may daily live their faith in his Resurrection so as to spread throughout the world the wisdom of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

4. That in its service to poor and needy youth, the Salesian Family may live the teachings of Saint Francis de Sales, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us here present: that, animated by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we may learn to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

God our Father, in Saint Francis de Sales you give us a living model of your kindness; grant that we who venerate him as our patron and teacher, may experience your loving providence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

January 31
ST JOHN BOSCO (1)

In this celebration in honor of the Father and Teacher of youth, let us make our prayer to God the Father, who is always ready to listen to the petitions of his children.

R. Father, hear our prayer.

1. For the Pope, bishops, priests and deacons: that they may proclaim the gospel of truth and joy by the generous testimony of their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

2. For all persons of good will: that their commitment for a better world may be founded on unselfish and generous love, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Salesians and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: that in imitation of Saint John Bosco in the complete donation of their lives in the service of the young, they may be able to form in them the image of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young people who are abandoned, on the fringe of society, and without ideals: that they may find in every follower of Don Bosco a friend to help them live their lives in accordance with the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

5. For those involved in the Christian education of the young: that they may find in their holy Patron a teacher and guide from whom they can draw inspiration for their own mission, we pray to the Lord.

6. For all of us here present: that we may strive to realize each day the gospel teaching of mutual acceptance, so that one day we may be welcomed by the Lord himself, we pray to the Lord.

7. Other intentions.

Ever faithful God, you gave to Saint John Bosco a great and generous heart; hear our prayer, that with your Spirit as our guide we may strive to live out each day what we have asked for with faith. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

January 31
ST JOHN BOSCO (2)

My brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the solemnity of Saint John Bosco, faithful servant of the Church and educator of the young, let us pray to God who is kind and rich in mercy.

R. Guide us, Father, in our journey through life.

- 1. For God's holy Church: that he who raised up saints to meet the needs of every age, may also in our own time give to the Church zealous apostles, educators in the faith and animators of the spiritual life, we pray to the Lord.**
- 2. For ecclesial communities: that overcoming all self-interest they may strive with courage to work for the poor, the weak, and all who are neglected in any way or abandoned by society, we pray to the Lord.**
- 3. For young people: that they may learn to grasp the urgent needs of the times and dedicate themselves with generosity to the building of a future that will be more humane and Christian, we pray to the Lord.**
- 4. For parents and educators: that they may help families, parishes and schools to develop a sense of shared responsibility in the formation of the young as they become adult, we pray to the Lord.**
- 5. For the Salesian Family: that its members may be attentive to the signs of the times and, following the example of Saint John Bosco, commit themselves courageously to the human and spiritual salvation of mankind, we pray to the Lord.**
- 6. For all of us gathered here today: that we may seek always what is true, just and virtuous, and make our lives a continual act of thanksgiving to God our Father, we pray to the Lord.**

7. Other intentions.

God our Father, grant us tireless faith and boundless love, that following Saint John Bosco in our daily situations we may be signs and bearers of your love for the young. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

February 1**DECEASED SALESIAN CONFRERES (1)**

In our death, as in the death of Christ, is contained the promise of resurrection. Let us invoke the God of our fathers with prayers inspired in us by faith.

R. God of life, hear our prayer.

- 1. For God's holy people: that they may bear witness to Christ's victory over death by their commitment to the promotion of human life and dignity, we pray to the Lord.**
- 2. For the Salesian Congregation: that it may be sustained in its fidelity to Saint John Bosco by the living memory of the confreres who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, we pray to the Lord.**
- 3. For those to whom our mission is directed: so that in the everyday context of life they may, like watchful servants, work in the light of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we pray to the Lord.**
- 4. For our brothers who sleep in Christ: that they may hear the consoling words: Come, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord, we pray to the Lord.**
- 5. For confreres who have exercised the service of authority, for those who have suffered in body or in spirit, and for those who have occupied humble posts: that they may experience the truth of the words: Enter the kingdom prepared for you, we pray to the Lord.**
- 6. For all of us gathered at the table of the Word and the Bread of life: that we may share with each one of our brethren our faith in the resurrection through works of justice and charity, we pray to the Lord.**

7. Other intentions.

Reawaken in us, Father, the joy of looking forward to our resurrection, and grant that our lives may bear witness to the hope we carry in our hearts. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

February 1**DECEASED SALESIAN CONFRERES (2)**

My brothers and sisters, as we contemplate the mystery of death we are comforted by a great hope: our eyes will behold God's countenance; we shall be like him and sing his praises for ever. Sustained by this faith, let us make our prayer in hope and trust.

R. Lord, in you lies all our hope

1. For Christian communities: that in commemorating their deceased pastors and brothers they may proclaim to all peoples the new heavens and new earth that God has prepared for those who love him, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the Salesian Family: that in its commitment to human and Christian advancement it may live the realities of this world as a preparation for the new heaven and the new earth, we pray to the Lord.

3. For our deceased confreres who have been reborn in the waters of baptism and sealed by the Spirit: that the Lord may welcome them into his kingdom of light and peace, we pray to the Lord.

4. For our deceased confreres who, nourished at the table of the Word and Bread of life, have conformed their own lives to that of Christ obedient, chaste and poor: that the Lord may be their reward and unending joy, we pray to the Lord.

5. For us here present: that our sharing at the Lord's table may obtain for us the grace of living and dying in the faith of our baptism, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Receive, Father, the prayer that this community makes to you; bestow your just reward on our deceased confreres who have come to the end of this life's pilgrimage; and help us too to fulfil the mission that has been entrusted to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

February 25

SS ALOYSIUS VERSIGLIA AND CALLISTUS CARAVARIO (1)

My brothers and sisters, let us make our prayer to God our Father, that through the intercession of the martyrs he may enable us by his grace to bear witness to the power of the Spirit who is ever active in the Church.

R. Through your martyrs, save us O Lord.

1. For the holy Church of God: that being sustained by the sacrifice of the martyrs, she may be drawn ever more deeply into the redemptive mystery of the cross, we pray to the Lord.

2. For bishops, priests and deacons: that with generosity and competence they may fulfill their ministry of announcing and spreading the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

3. For missionaries and catechists: that they may be generous in sowing the seed of the Gospel in human hearts; may they ever seek for truth, justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

4. For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life: that those whom Christ is calling may listen to his voice, and give themselves wholeheartedly to his service in the Church, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us taking part in this Eucharist: that we may face our daily difficulties in the light of faith, and learn to make up what is lacking in the passion of Christ for the life of the Church, his mystical Body, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

God our Father, you gave the Blessed martyrs Aloysius and Callistus the strength to put their own lives at risk for the sake of the Gospel; transform us by the power of your Spirit, that we may become ever more truly your disciples. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

February 25

SS ALOYSIUS VERSIGLIA AND CALLISTUS CARAVARIO (2)

As members of the pilgrim Church we are conscious of our communion with our fellow members of the Church in heaven. Let us therefore make our humble prayer to God our Father through the intercession of the martyrs Aloysius Versiglia and Callistus Caravario.

R. Lord, may your kingdom come.

1. For the holy Church of God: that following the example of the martyrs she may be ever more resplendent in faith and holiness of life, we pray to the Lord.

2. For Christians of different denominations: that adhering ever more closely to Christ the Lord in constructive dialogue, they may find the way to unity in the one true Church, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the governments of nations: that they may promote the common good by respecting human rights and especially religious freedom, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the Salesian Family: that in continuing the work of Saint John Bosco its members may collaborate with renewed commitment to the spreading of the Gospel to every corner of the world, we pray to the Lord.

5. For us gathered in this holy assembly: that we may proclaim by our lives the happiness promised to those who suffer for the faith, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Holy Father, you gave to Saints Aloysius and Callistus the grace to follow your Son along the way of the cross; hear the prayers we make to you, so that animated by your Spirit of holiness we may work effectively for the building of your Kingdom. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

March 12*St. Aloysius Orione*

God gives us the Saints to be our models and intercessors. Confident in the knowledge that he will always grant our prayers when we ask with faith and our requests are for our true good, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Father most holy, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church: that in her concern for human and Christian advancement, she may give priority to the oppressed, the humble, the poor and those on the margin of society, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the world: that the redemption wrought by Christ may suppress evil, heal injuries and overcome every form of selfishness, we pray to the Lord.

3. For Christians: that they may work to lighten the burden of suffering and loneliness of those who are unloved, we pray to the Lord.

4. For those experiencing pain and sorrow: that (especially in this season of Lent) they may feel the living and active presence of Christ, the healer of souls and bodies, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us: that in fidelity to the teachings of the Gospel we may be able to draw from this Eucharist the strength needed for active mercy, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Lord our God, you never leave your Church without faithful disciples of your Son who made himself everything to everyone; through the intercession of Saint Aloysius Orione, accept our prayers that we may continue to experience your Fatherly presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 6

ST DOMINIC SAVIO (1)

Enlightened by the word of God who points out to us a particular path to holiness by sending us among young people, let us invoke God our Father from whom all good things come.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For those who are called to proclaim and nourish the faith of the Christian community: that, like Dominic Savio, their chief aim may be the good of souls, we pray to the Lord.

2. For parents and educators: that following the example of Saint John Bosco, they may be able to help young people in their human and Christian development, we pray to the Lord.

3. For adolescents: that they may live the years of their youth in tranquility and joy of spirit, and in commitment to their companions, we pray to the Lord.

4. For all of us taking part in this Eucharist: that being encouraged and animated by the witness of Saint Dominic Savio, we may strive to avoid sin and grow in God's love, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all here present: that in a spirit of initiative we may commit ourselves generously to the apostolate of our local Church and be of one accord in action and sustained by Christian hope, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Lord our God, in your Saints you show us the strength and power of the Gospel; grant that your Church may faithfully follow their teachings in this life, and so be admitted one day to share their crown of glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 6**ST DOMINIC SAVIO (2)**

Let us make our petitions in faith to God our Father, who in his merciful goodness has brought us to new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

R. Father, strengthen us in the faith.

1. For the pastors of the Church; that in their ministry they may give priority to the task of the sanctification of Christian people, we pray to the Lord.

2. For Salesian educators: that with wise creativity and patient persistence they may dedicate themselves to the human and Christian formation of the young, we pray to the Lord.

3. For adolescents: that being educated to fulfil their own daily duties, they may prepare themselves to shoulder the responsibilities they must accept in later life, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young adults: that in discovering the values of healthy friendship, they may resist the temptation to withdraw into themselves and thus be generously open to the needs of others, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us gathered in this holy assembly: that in imitation of Saint Dominic Savio, we may exercise wise self-control in the use of the precious gifts God has given to each one, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

O God, the source of joy for all who love you, receive the humble prayer of your Church; grant us your continual help, that our lives may be a constant hymn of praise to your glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

May 13

ST MARY DOMENICA MAZZARELLO (1)

Dear brothers and sisters, we thank our heavenly Father for the wonders he worked in Saint Mary Domenica Mazzarello; let us implore his loving assistance for the Church, for the human race, and for all of us here present.

R. God of kindness, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church throughout the world: that in docility to the Holy Spirit its members may make good use of the Gospel to enrich the cultures of our modern times, we pray to the Lord.

2. For Christian educators: that they may generously dedicate themselves to guiding our modern youth towards a deeper awareness of their faith and a more committed Christian witness, we pray to the Lord.

3. For women: that they may collaborate with courage in the solving of today's vital problems, and so promote a society of greater justice, founded on the great values of human social life, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: that following the example of Saint Mary Domenica Mazzarello they may grow in communion with Christ. May they be attentive to the action of the Spirit and work tirelessly for the good of the young people entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us taking part in this Eucharist: that we may be able to draw from this inexhaustible source of life the strength to fulfil God's will with joy, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Accept with kindness, Father, the prayers we make to you on this solemnity (**feast**) of Saint Mary Domenica Mazzarello; and while we celebrate in her the mystery of humanity renewed in Christ, grant that we may be faithful to the obligations of our baptism so that we may please you in our intentions and our works. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 13

ST MARY DOMENICA MAZZARELLO (2)

With trust and gratitude let us make our prayer to God our Father who reveals the riches of the Gospel to hearts that are simple and humble.

R. Renew us, Father, in your Spirit.

1. For the Church: that its members may be attentive and docile to the Spirit, and thus able to read the signs of the times and their incessant demand for the coming of the Kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the members of the Salesian Family: that in imitation of Mother Mazzarello they may live with enthusiasm the donation of themselves to God and their neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: that being faithful to the spirit of their Foundress they may live their vocation to a generous service in the Church of our time, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young people: that they may experience the liberating power of the Gospel of Christ and develop strong convictions of human and Christian life, we pray to the Lord.

5. For us gathered here today: that through our sharing at the one table of the Word and the Bread of life our sense of family unity and communion may be strengthened, for the good of our society, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Father, hear our prayer: grant to us who celebrate the great things you have done in your Saints, the grace to persevere in your love so that, with the strength given us by the Spirit, we may proclaim your Word, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

May 18

St Leonard Murialdo

Dear brothers and sisters, gently drawn by the infinite and personal love that God has for each one of us, let us make our fervent prayer to him through the intercession of St Leonard Murialdo.

R. Hear us, O Lord, in your love.

1. For the Pope and the bishops: that, faithful to their apostolic ministry, they may be solicitous in guiding God's people in the spirit of charity, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the world of work: that in the light of gospel principles the Christian dignity of men and women may be promoted in justice and charity, we pray to the Lord.

3. For young people: that large numbers of them may respond to Christ's invitation and commit their lives to the good of their neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

4. For Christian communities: that sustained by the certainty of God's love, they may face life's difficulties with serene abandonment to his will, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all engaged in political, social and trade-union activities: that they may build a world that is more just and fraternal, we pray to the Lord.

6. For all of us taking part in this holy assembly: that renewed by the mystery we are celebrating we may remain firm in faith and love, we pray to the Lord.

7. Other intentions.

Father, through the intercession of Saint Leonard Murialdo who gave himself entirely to you and worked tirelessly for the good of your people, give us the joy of granting our petitions. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

May 24

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (1)

It was God's will that the Mother of his Son should be full of grace. Let us pray that he may make his Church and all people of good will sharers in this treasure.

R. Defend your Church, O Lord.

1. For the Church throughout the world: that sustained by the Spirit, the Consoler, she may conform her life to the Gospel she proclaims, we pray to the Lord.

2. For peace among peoples: that every kind of division may be overcome and that, with due respect for different cultures, the essential values of the human family may be fostered, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Salesian Family: that it may renew each day its devotion to Mary Help of Christians, and so find ever new strength to continue its mission in the Church and society, we pray to the Lord.

4. For those who dedicate themselves to the service of the aged, the suffering, and those on the fringe of society; that, following Mary's example, they may be the sign of Christ's loving care for his brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

5. For parents: that, with the Holy Family of Nazareth before their eyes, they may wisely raise their children, so that they may grow up in an environment of human and Christian development, we pray to the Lord.

6. For all of us gathered here to celebrate this feast: that like the Virgin Mary we may be resolute in faith, strong in hope, and attentive in charity, we pray to the Lord.

7. Other intentions.

God our Father, you have associated the Virgin Mary with the work of Christ your Son; through her intercession hear the prayers of your children who, in docility to your Spirit, bear daily witness to their own fidelity to the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 24

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (2)

My brothers and sisters, let us make our prayer to God our Father, who in his immense goodness, willed that Mary should cooperate in the saving mission of his Son.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church, God's people in pilgrimage: that she may always find in Mary an objective model in life and a sedulous help in her own mission, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the Pope and our bishops: that in their ministry of proclaiming the Gospel, they may entrust themselves to Mary, the shining star of Gospel enlightenment, we pray to the Lord.

3. For those responsible for the government of nations: that in the fulfillment of their mission they may look to Mary who made herself readily available to God's will for the salvation of the world, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the Salesian Family: that its members may live and work in today's Church in the spirit of the beatitudes, we pray to the Lord.

5. For young people, and especially those living in anxiety and confusion: that they may find in Mary a mother solicitous for the good of her children, and entrust themselves to her as the source of hope, communion and peace, we pray to the Lord.

6. For us gathered together on this solemnity of the Help of Christians: that we may always experience her motherly presence, the pledge of peace, happiness, and perfect conformity to God's will, we pray to the Lord.

7. Other intentions.

God, our merciful Father, hear our prayers, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, grant that we may progress in faith, hope and charity, so as to live each day according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

June 23

St Joseph Cafasso

God has raised up the Saints as living signs of Christ and wondrous creations of the Spirit.

R. Show us your mercy, Lord.

1. For bishops, priests and deacons: that they may make themselves available to their brethren with kindness, patience and wisdom, for the growth of each Christian community, we pray to the Lord.

2. For all those we meet on our pilgrimage: that they may always find in us help and understanding, we pray to the Lord.

3. For members of the Church who have the task of teaching: that following the example of Saint Joseph Cafasso they may be able to enlighten minds and hearts, we pray to the Lord.

4. For those preparing to be ministers of the Word and reconciliation: that they may learn to imitate Christ who came to heal hearts that are broken and those in need of pardon, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us taking part in this Eucharist: that, nourished by the word and sustained by the Bread of life, we may be always available and open to the needs of our neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Turn your eyes, Father, upon your Church, which celebrates in the Saints your wonders of grace and goodness; hear our prayers that we may walk in the way of the Gospel all the days of our lives. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

October 24*Blessed Aloysius Guanella*

In our world which is so divided, and in need of authentic witnesses, let us make our prayers to the good and merciful God, that apostles of charity may never be lacking in the Church.

R. Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church: that God may raise up men and women willing to spend their lives for the abandoned and those on the fringe of society, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the governments of nations: that in a spirit of service they may promote the overall good of society and foster the initiatives of those working for the benefit of people most in need, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the victims of hatred and violence: that in the death and resurrection of Christ they may find strength to pardon those who afflict them, and hope for a more just and humane society, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young people: that they may willingly offer their generous and unselfish service in situations where the need is most urgent, we pray to the Lord.

5. For Congregations dedicated to works of mercy: that, following the example of Blessed Aloysius Guanella, they may bear witness to charity in the service of the Church and the entire human family, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Hear, O merciful Father, the prayers that we your children offer you from our hearts; on this memorial of Blessed Aloysius Guanella, the tireless apostle of charity, grant our petitions through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

October 29

Blessed Michael Rua (1)

We are called by Christ to be the salt of the earth and light of the world; let us then pray to the Father with trust and confidence:

R. Protect your children, Lord.

1. For God's holy Church: that it may be continually renewed through the holiness of its children, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the society of our time: that its members may not give way to temptations to atheism, consumerism and the inordinate seeking after pleasure, but strive to build their daily lives on the values of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

3. For those of the Salesian Family who exercise the service of authority: that they may be faithful interpreters of the charisma of Don Bosco, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the young: that with the fraternal assistance of their educators they may grow in age, wisdom and grace, before God and men, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us who are celebrating this Eucharist: that as we await the coming of the kingdom, we may be able to discern the signs of the times and meet the Lord in all our fellow creatures, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Hear, Father, the prayers of your family: help us to walk in a manner worthy of the vocation we have received, so that we may bring forth fruits of good works. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

October 29

Blessed Michael Rua (2)

In this memorial of Blessed Michael Rua, let us make our trusting prayer to God our Father, and ask that he may grant to us and all the baptized the gift of fidelity to the Gospel.

R. Father, renew us in heart.

1. For the Church: that holiness may flourish among its members, and that the example of the Saints may be an effective call to conversion and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

2. For all God's creatures: that they may respond to the plan of creation and help each other to discover and use nature's hidden powers so as to further the material and spiritual advancement of every individual, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Salesian Family: that in fidelity to Saint John Bosco it may fulfil its mission among poor and abandoned youth, we pray to the Lord.

4. For young people: that they may accept with generosity the message of the Gospel and live it assiduously in the Christian way of life, we pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us gathered in this holy assembly: that in docility to the action of the Spirit we may welcome the word of God, which sustains us each day in our pilgrimage of Christian life, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Hear, O Father, the voice of your family; and since we trust entirely in your help, may our prayers be rewarded with the abundance of your blessings. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

November 15*Blessed Magdalena Morano*

My brothers and sisters, let us implore the mercy of our Father through the intercession of Blessed Magdalena Morano and of all the saints who have given witness to Christ by the heroic exercise of their love.

R. Lord, make your people holy.

1 That the Christian community, holy through knowledge of the faith and through the sacraments in the faithful and in its shepherds the everlasting fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

2. That, by the example and through the intercession of Blessed Magdalena, each Daughters of Mary Help of Christians may live in fidelity to the Salesian charism and in generous service to youth, we pray to the Lord.

3. That, faithful to the marriage covenant, the family may be an evangelical school and a nursery of vocations consecrated to the service of the God's people, we pray to the Lord.

4. That those who exercise the ministry of evangelization and of religious education for the young, may mirror in their lives the holiness of the message that they proclaim with their words, we pray to the Lord.

5. That faithful to the commitment of their baptismal promises, God's people may imitate Christ, the new man, combating evil and giving themselves to good works, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Holy Father, watch over your Church, the bearer the Good News of your Son to the world; never allow it to lack the visible fruits of holiness, so that it may announce the Word that enlightens and saves by the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

December 5

Blessed Philip Rinaldi

God has raised up in the Salesian Family models of holiness, the result of the manifold activity of the Spirit, the Paraclete, and the charisma of the Founder. With joy and thanksgiving let us confidently make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

R. Guide us, Lord, in the way of holiness.

1. For the Church, the People of God: that with pure and sinless faith they may recognize and welcome the Lord in the widely differing practical situations of life and history, we pray to the Lord.

2. For the superiors of religious families now flourishing in the Church: that in fidelity to the Gospel and the charisma of their Founder, they may form their communities into living signs of Christ's love and welcoming havens for the People of God, we pray to the Lord.

3. For the Salesian Congregation: that, following the example of Blessed Philip Rinaldi, it may develop ever further its apostolic initiative, so as to respond to the needs arising in the life of the Church and society of today, we pray to the Lord.

4. For the Don Bosco Volunteers: that they may be faithful to their daily duties, and so preserve the spirit of Blessed Philip Rinaldi, their Founder, we pray to the Lord.

5. For us taking part in this eucharist: that, renewed in the Spirit, we may always work with the kindness and simplicity of heart that will reflect the fatherliness of God, we pray to the Lord.

6. Other intentions.

Good and merciful Father, you renew the Church through the holiness of your children; hear our prayers that, with the strength the Spirit gives, we may accept and proclaim your word that calls us to be holy as you are holy. We ask you this through Christ our Lord